



GAME CAPTURE PROJECT CLOSE UP

Join a dynamic, hands on capture team; experience the real South Africa, the wildlife, local communities and an industry at the heart of Africa.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

- How does this project make a difference?

The game capture industry is essential to the continued existence and conservation of species endemic to southern Africa. Through careful handling of rare and endangered species and general game, restocking of new areas and population diversity is retained; while game capture is also of huge economic benefit to the country and local employment.

- How do I, the volunteer, make a difference?

Working with an experienced capture team, you will be part of a local team relocating wildlife and thus making a valid contribution to wildlife conservation and management. We are proud to be able to expose our volunteers to the reality of conservation and the long term models we need to work with to ensure a positive impact to both wildlife and local communities.

CORE ACTIVITIES

Often subject to the whims of the elements, especially the wind, and of course the animals themselves, your time at capture could include some or all of the following;

- Establishing concealed capture bomas in the bush, using net and curtain bomas for mass capture of herds of antelope species
- Receiving informal lectures about species to be captured and related topics, relocation and drugs used in the process
- Assisting with physical capture, translocation and release of animals
- Flying in the helicopter used in mass capture operations
- Joining the specialised capture team working with endangered and rare species such as roan and sable antelopes and rhino and assist in administration of tranquilising drugs
- Camping in the bush during capture
- Assisting in the exciting new movement of thousands of game to Mozambique
- Responsible for the husbandry, feeding and daily care of species in quarantine bomas, including giraffe, rhino, buffalo, nyala and kudu
- Providing veterinary support when required

SKILLS GAINED

Administration of low schedule drugs, mammal identification and behaviour, physical capture, animal care, bush craft





WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Game capture facilitates the up close and hands on work with wildlife that we all dream of! Learning a wealth of information about their behaviour to assist in the movements, you are often close enough to feel the texture of their skin and smell their breath! Animals which are often captured for relocation include rhino, buffalo, giraffe, impala, zebra, wildebeest, nyala, roan and sable antelope and kudu.

"I had an amazing 6 weeks! I managed to get up and close with wild, dangerous animals, including a few risky situations. I also got a lot of hands on capturing, including black rhino. And I got to work with a really friendly, fun group of people. It was extremely physically demanding but very worthwhile and rewarding!" Clare Pearce

LOCATION

You will be based in Hoedspruit but will move location with game capture movements. This project allows you into a world of travelling through stunning landscapes and a cultural experience only this industry provides.



FACILITIES

Accommodation: Accommodation can vary as the Game Capture Team move around between different capture sites. There is a comfortable base camp in the Mookgopong area, with furnished twin bedded safari tents, but accommodation while at different capture sites can be anything from rough camping to local lodges.

Meal Arrangements: Groceries are provided and volunteers prepare all meals and clean up after themselves. A packed lunch will need to be prepared each day for work in the field. Meals are often in the form of an African braai and eaten under the stars.

Nearest town: Mookgopong

Working hours: Variable and weather dependent.

Extras: Opportunities for excursions vary depending on the location of the captures. If the team works in the lowveld area, you are just a stone's throw away from the famous Kruger National Park and surrounded by many other game and nature reserves where you can expect to see the Big 5. Possible trips include a visit to the cheetah breeding centre, the Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre or reptile park.

Contact with home: SA time is GMT +2 hours. Internet access is available sporadically on town trips.





Transfers: Transfers to the Game Capture Project are done by road. The drive from Johannesburg airport takes approximately 5-6 hours, broken up with a lunch stop.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Airport: We meet all our volunteers personally at Johannesburg airport directly off the plane.

Road Safety: All drivers have Public Driving Permits and only new, air conditioned vehicles are used for transfers.

First Aid & Emergency: First aid kit with team, and a member of the team is first aid trained.

Medical: Doctors in Mookgopong and private clinic in Polokwane.

Project Insurance: Students will be required to sign an indemnity form.

IS THIS PROJECT RIGHT FOR ME?

The Game Capture Project is dynamic, exciting and hands-on - and very much at the mercy of the elements. To make the most of this experience, you need to be quite flexible, reasonably fit and healthy and not scared of getting your hands dirty. If you have a sense of adventure, enjoy teamwork, don't mind roughing it a bit at times and are looking for an opportunity to get up close to Africa's wildlife the Game Capture Team would love to have you join them.

BOOKING INFORMATION

What's Included? Return international flights from London Heathrow (optional), transfers, food and accommodation, 24 hour support from our ground manager, ACE T-Shirt, financial contributions to the project

What's not included? Travel insurance, spending money.

When can I join? This project is restricted to the Game Capture season, which runs from March - September.

How can I join? You can apply online at www.conservationafrica.net/apply or simply fill out an application form in one of our brochures and post it back to us.

